the responsibility of the State Governments. The Department provides financial assistance to States on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments.

**Halt for limited stop buses of D.T.C. at Red Cross**

2299. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not allowing the inward as well as outward Limited Stop D.T.C. buses to halt at Red Cross Bus Stop, which is feeding the commuters of Parliament House and the other adjoining offices; and

(b) what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Limited stop services are an additional facility for passengers where running time of buses is less than for normal services. The stoppages en-route are so planned as to facilitate this process without having to sacrifice the convenience of passengers.

The bus stops for all the Limited Stop trips have been provided at Akashwani Bhawan on Sansad Marg and Krishi Bhawan on Rafi Marg, which are in class proximity of Red Cross Bus Stop.

**Completion of Mandovi Bridge in Goa**

2300. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completion of new Mandovi Bridge at Panjim in Goa has been delayed due the fact that the U.P. Bridge Corporation had taken up other projects in Goa; and

(b) what is the new scheduled date for completion of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRTNSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Original target date of completion of March, 1990 has not been revised.

**Inclusion of Vedic Mathematics in School curriculam**

2301. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include teaching of Vedic Mathematics in school curriculam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Declaring Road from Rishikesh to Badrinath as a National Highway**

2302. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the road from Rishikesh to Badrinath as a National Highway and also to improve its condition, so as to bring it at par with other National Highways, keeping in view the fact that the road is frequented by large number of pilgrims; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.